

REMARKS

The addition of new claims 32 to 49, as well as the submission of an addition to the Specification, are respectfully submitted prior to initiation of the prosecution of this application in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

The above-noted new claims are respectfully submitted in order to more clearly and appropriately claim the subject matter that applicant considers constitutes his inventive contribution. Furthermore, the addition to the Specification is submitted in order to clarify the Specification and to conform it to all of the requirements of U.S. practice. No new matter is included in these amendments. The new claims are supported by the original non-provisional application as filed as well as the provisional application from which the instant non-provisional application claims benefit as stated in paragraph [0001] hereof. Similarly, support for the addition to the Specification can be found in the provisional application on the pages identified as the "Clinician's Handbook" reproduced in the provisional application and numbered as pages 3, 4, and 5, wherein there is a specific reference to hypoalbuminemia and the usefulness of the compositions in connection therewith.

In view of the above, it is respectfully requested that these amendments now be entered, and that prosecution on the merits of this application now be initiated. If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe such action can be taken, it is respectfully requested that he telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any objections which he may have.

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If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge applicant's Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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